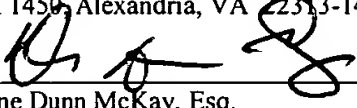




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In re Application of
OKAZAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/705,661

Filed: November 3, 2000

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF
ACRYLIC ACID AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCTION OF ACRYLIC ACID

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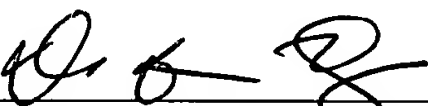
During a telephonic interview of April 17, 2006, claims 8 and 14 were discussed. Claim amendments were discussed to address the limitation of means for supplying a liquid coolant. The Examiner, Alexa D. Neckel, indicated that in order for weight to be given to the material

being supplied, the claims would need to recite "a source of" the specific material. The Examiner also indicated that the recitation of pressures continue to be operational conditions not given weight in an apparatus claim.

Applicants submitted an Amendment dated April 19, 2006 including claims directed to the Examiner's suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 1, 2006



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